

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY**

**Wednesday, December 12 2007 at 10:00 AM**

**Department of Public Health**

**410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT**

**Law Library – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

##### **I. Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes from September 5, 2007.

##### **II New Business**

A. Investigations Update

*Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor*

B. Schedule Meetings dates for 2008

##### **III Legal Office Business**

Richard Arnoff, DPM – Petition No. 2007-0621-019-003

*Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH*

##### **IV. Additional Items**

#### **ADJOURN**

*The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.*

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on September 5, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman  
Richard Cutler, DPM  
Vita Hardy  
Leo Veleas, DPM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vita Hardy

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

### **MINUTES – June 6, 2007**

The minutes from the June 6, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING**

#### **Noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity**

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. He informed the Board as to the procedures for the issuance of a Declaratory Ruling.

The Board reviewed a request from Peter Blume, DPM, New Haven, Connecticut asking for a ruling as to whether noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity is within the scope of podiatric practice in Connecticut.

Dr. Pressman commented that podiatrists routinely evaluate circulation as part of examinations when diagnosing systemic diseases and/or disorders of the foot. This is a procedure is taught in podiatric medical schools.

If a medical condition is discovered during a podiatric evaluation the patient will be referred to their primary care physician and/or vascular physician.

Dr. Cutler commented that the vascular testing utilized by podiatrists is noninvasive.

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the Board issue a ruling stating that “The Board has determined that noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity is within the scope of practice for podiatric physicians in Connecticut.” The motion passed unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Physician Assistant Supervision**

The Board discussed whether a podiatrist can supervise physician assistants in Connecticut. Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board noted that the general statutes pertaining to physician assistants clearly state that a physician assistant can only practice under the supervision, control, responsibility and direction of an MD or DO.

#### **B. Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that one podiatry case, involving a standard of care issue, is currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Two additional cases have been referred to the Department’s Legal Office for further review.

#### **C. Applications for Ankle Surgery Permit**

Stephen Carragher reported that application process for ankle surgery permits is being developed and revision to the regulations is proceeding. To date no requests for permits have been received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry